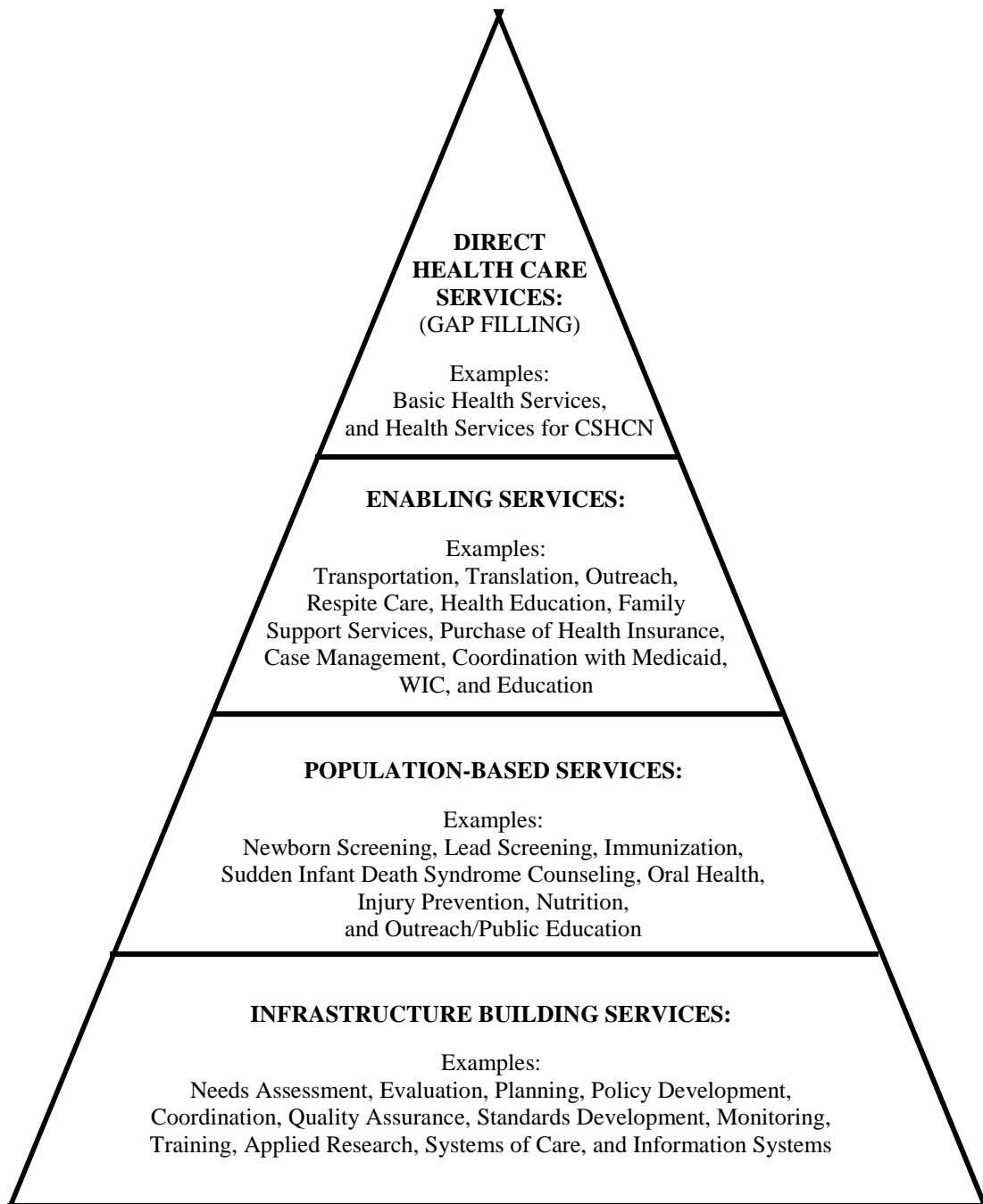


Figure 1

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THE MCH PYRAMID

The conceptual framework for the services of the Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant to States is envisioned as a pyramid, as depicted on the previous page, with four tiers of services and levels of funding that provide comprehensive services for mothers and children, including children with special health care needs in the Nation. This model displays the uniqueness of the MCH Title V Block Grant to States, which is the only Federal program that provides services at all levels. These services are direct health care services (gap filling), enabling services, population-based services, and infrastructure building. Since 1997, the MCH Pyramid has, over time, been the graphic representation of the MCH Title V Block Grant to States program.